

REMARKS

I. Formalities

Claims 1-36 remain in the subject patent application. No amendments are made herein. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added herein.

Because this Response to Office Action does not include any change to an existing claim, any cancellation of a claim, or any submission of a new claim, a listing of the pending claims is not included herein.

II. Remarks Directed to the Terminal Disclaimer

The Office Action stated that an attorney or agent, not of record, is not authorized to sign a terminal disclaimer in the capacity as an attorney or agent acting in a representative capacity as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.34(a). The Office Action further stated that once the terminal disclaimer is corrected, the case will pass to issue. Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Le for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Attached is a terminal disclaimer believed to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.321 (b) and/or (c). The attached terminal disclaimer is signed by an attorney of record in the instant case. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and that the instant case be passed to issue.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. In light of the remarks set forth hereinabove, and the corrected terminal disclaimer filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the pending claims.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this Response to Office Action. However, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this Response to Office Action, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 02-4467.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, Applicant invites Examiner Don P. Le to call the undersigned attorney at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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